

## NEWS

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Montgomery County Reports 276 New COVID-19 Cases and Four Deaths Over Seven Days A Total Number of 12,271 Cases and 836 Deaths Were Reported

Norristown, PA (October 6, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported COVID-19 test results and deaths for the seven days from September 30 to October 6, 2020. Two hundred seventy-six (September 30: 33, October 1: 38, October 2: 56, October 3: 41, October 4: 48, October 5: 29, October 6: 31) additional individuals tested positive for coronavirus, and four individuals died of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 12,271 cases and 836 deaths. Three of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases resulted from antibody testing.

"New positive case numbers are holding fairly steady thanks to our community's diligence in following common sense guidelines like wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing," said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. "While this is good news, we continue to see attendance at social events play an important role in the spread of the virus. It is imperative that all of us continue to wear a mask when near non-household contacts, maintain six feet of social distancing, avoid large gatherings, get tested if concerned, and cooperate with contact tracing to keep our community safe."

Each of the four individuals who died of COVID-19 resided in a long-term care facility.

The 276 positive individuals are from 47 municipalities. Sixty-two municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today's reported cases follows:

Age Range: 1 - 101

Gender: 136 females, 140 males

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on Wednesday, October 7, at 3 p.m., via a press briefing which will be streamed live on Montgomery County's Facebook page.

There are several no-cost **COVID-19 community testing sites** located throughout Montgomery County for all ages. No prescription is required. These self-administered tests are by appointment only, do not require a vehicle, are available for individuals who live or work in Montgomery County, and want or need to be tested. **The sites** are outdoors and are subject to closure on short notice due to inclement weather. Please check weather forecasts and the **COVID-19 Data Hub** for weather-related updates. To register for testing, visit

www.montcopa.org/COVID-19, and select County Testing Information or call 610.970.2937 on the date of the intended appointment.

All testing sites and registration will be closed on Monday, October 12. Registration and sites will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13 and through Friday, October 16 and will remain open until all slots are filled and as long as testing supplies allow.

**Ardmore** – 114 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

**Green Lane** – Deep Creek and Snyder Roads, Green Lane, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

**Lansdale** – 421 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

**Norristown** – Delaware Valley Community Health Center at the Norristown Regional Health Center at 1401 Dekalb St., Norristown, PA.. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Pottstown** – Montgomery County Office of Public Health, 364 King St., Pottstown, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Willow Grove** –First Baptist Church - Crestmont, 1678 Fairview Ave., Willow Grove, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

While the above locations will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, information on **additional testing sites**, many of which operate over the weekend, can be found at <a href="https://www.montcopa.org/COVID-19">www.montcopa.org/COVID-19</a> under the County Testing Information button.

COVID-19 contact tracing efforts are ongoing and are critical to slowing the spread of the disease. The County has partnered with ACLAMO, Family Services of Montgomery County, Montgomery County OIC, and Visiting Nurses Association Community Services to help with contact tracing efforts. Individuals who have been tested or identified as a direct contact of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has received a call from the 'Results Center' or any of our community partners may return the call to 610.278.5923 to find out their results or status. All information discussed on the call is strictly confidential and is only used to trace COVID-19 cases.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. Please visit the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at www.montcopa.org/covid-19 to get the latest news, geographic and demographic information, and updates.

Montgomery County COVID-19 Weekly Report – September 30, 2020 through October 6, 2020

		Case Type			Age Distribution									Genders				
Date	Cases	Community	LTC	Other Congregate*	Unknown	Range**	Average**	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	66-08	100+	Unknown	Male	Female	Unknown	Municipalities Affected
Wednesday 9/30	33	31	2	0	0	7-89	43.6	4	12	7	9	1	0	0	17	16	0	16
Thursday 10/1	38	35	0	3	0	7-77	38.2	6	14	13	5	0	0	0	23	15	0	21
Friday 10/2	56	53	0	3	0	1-90	41.8	8	17	18	10	3	0	0	28	28	0	24
Saturday 10/3	41	41	0	0	0	2-87	30.3	13	17	8	2	1	0	0	16	25	0	25
Sunday 10/4	48	48	0	0	0	8-85	37.2	16	13	11	7	1	0	0	26	22	0	29
Monday 10/5	29	27	1	1	0	1-101	30.5	12	9	4	3	0	1	0	12	17	0	15
Tuesday 10/6	31	31	0	0	0	11-83	40.9	2	14	12	2	1	0	0	18	13	0	21
Weekly Total	276	266	3	7	0	1-101	37.7	61	96	73	38	7	1	0	140	136	0	47
Previous Week	253	247	4	2	0	1-96	38.1	47	112	51	30	13	0	0	134	119	0	48
Difference	+23	+19	-1	+5	ı	N/A	-0.4	+14	-16	+22	+8	-6	+1	ı	+6	+17	-	-1
Overall Total	12271	9220	2513	535	3	1-110	48.5	1273	3656	3335	2420	1558	27	2	5798	6432	41	62

<sup>\*</sup>Other Congregate includes the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), State Correctional Institution – Phoenix (SCI-Phoenix), Norristown State Hospital, behavioral health facilities, and other congregate living settings that do not meet the definition of Long Term Care (LTC) facilities.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Ages less than 1 are listed as 1 for the purposes of the age range and average age.

			Genders		<b>Location of Death</b>				Race Information						
Date	Deaths	Age Range	Male	Female	Hospital	LTC	Residence / Other	Unknown	Asian	Asian Indian	Asian Korean	Black	White	Unknown***	
Wednesday 9/30	1	91	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Thursday 10/1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Friday 10/2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Saturday 10/3	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sunday 10/4	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Monday 10/5	1	92	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Tuesday 10/6	2	83-101	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Weekly Total	4	83-101	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
Previous Week	1	67	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Difference	+3	N/A	+2	+1	-1	+4	-	-	-	-	-	-	+3	-	
Overall Total	836	36-104	390	446	N/A				18	3	3	103	333	376	

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Race not provided by Coroner's Office.